

Proposed Ergonomics Standard Addressed by Commissions **January 14, 2009**

The General Industry Safety Standards Commission and Occupational Health Standards Commission conducted a joint meeting on January 14, 2009 to address the proposed ergonomics standard.

After significant discussion, the Commissions made changes to the proposed ergonomics standard, including the addition of an exemption for the jurisdiction covered exclusively by the Federal Railroad Administration. The Commissions also deliberated on two exemptions within the draft for an existing “effective program,” which appeared confusing and subjective. Therefore, the commissions voted and removed the draft’s “grandfather clauses.” The commissions added another change, by incorporating a phase-in provision of six months after the final rule is filed with the Secretary of State.

Both Commissions voted unanimously to move the [Proposed Ergonomics Standard](#), as amended, forward to the Department for informal approval.

The next step for the commissions will be to forward the proposed standard to the Department for the informal approval and to begin the rigorous review process, including a regulatory impact statement. If the DELEG Director approves to move forward, public hearings will be scheduled.

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